

Mokauea



About

Mokauea, an 'ili kū that contains a 13-acre island/islet located in the Kona region of O'ahu, sits within the waters of Ke'ehi Lagoon (the stream fed by the Moanalua, Kalihi, and Kapālama streams), which is off the coast of Mauiola (a.k.a Sand Island). This island was seen as a fishing village because it would sustain the fishermen and their 'Ohana.



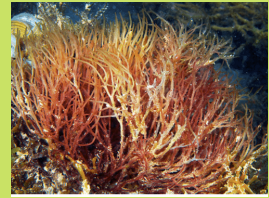
1975 Man and son anchor their fishing boat (Ed Greevy)

On the island's east coast sits one of the last fishponds still standing within the island of O'ahu and the state of Hawai'i. This area alone used to have a thriving space of over 40 fishponds, but due to western gimmicks such as dredging Ke'ehi lagoon, the native species and the sustainable aspect lost their touch. It is in hopes that one day (though non-traditional) will once again thrive.

Variety of Limu



Limu Wawae'iole



Limu Manauea



Limu kohu



Irish Moss



Limu huluhulu waena



Limu lipoa

Geographics & Weather Name

Ahupua'a: Kalihi

Wind Name: Haupe'epe'e

Rain Name: Po'olipilipi

Oli of Mokauea & Ke'ehi lagoon

He kai ka anae ko **Keehi**,
He kai elemihi ko **Lelewi**,
He kai awalau ko **Puuloa**,
He kai **puhi nehu**, **puhi lala**,
Ke kai o **Ewa** e nolio i ka lai nei,
Na **Ewa nui a La'akona**

The Sea for kicking up mullet is at **Keehi**,

The sea for small crabs is at **Lelewi**,
The sea of many harbors is at **Puuloa**,
The sea that blows up **nehu & lala**,
Is the sea of **Ewa**, so calm
The Great Ewa of La'akona



Loko I'a located at Mokauea (Native Science report)



Figure 21. Map from Ho'ōla Ke'ehi organization showing the inoa 'āina (Kona Wahi Hoola Inventory)



1980 Landing dock on Mokauea island with Romo's house and canoe hale in the background. (Ed Greevy)

Glossary

'Ewa

Plantation, plantation town, elementary school, and quadrangle west of Pearl Harbor, O'ahu. Lit., crooked.

Keehi

placename. lagoon and beach park east of Honolulu International Airport. lit.: tread upon.

Leleiwi

placename. cape, beach park, and point,

Mokauea:

(1) to "alight" (Kau) at the beginning of a path covered with dust (e'a), (2) "broken turtle," (3) "Hair floating in the hot wind" (Napoka 1976)

Nehu

placename. place and playground, 'Āina Haina, Honolulu. lit.: anchovy.

'ili kū

A nearly independent 'ili land division within an ahupua'a, paying tribute to the ruling chief and not to the chief of the ahupua'a

Puhi Lala

sea with meeting diagonal waves, said figuratively, of Pearl Harbor lochs. lit., sea blowing diagonally.

Pu'uloa

Land section, camp, salt works, station, street, playground, beach park, village, area east of Pearl Harbor,. (PH 16.). lit.: long hill.

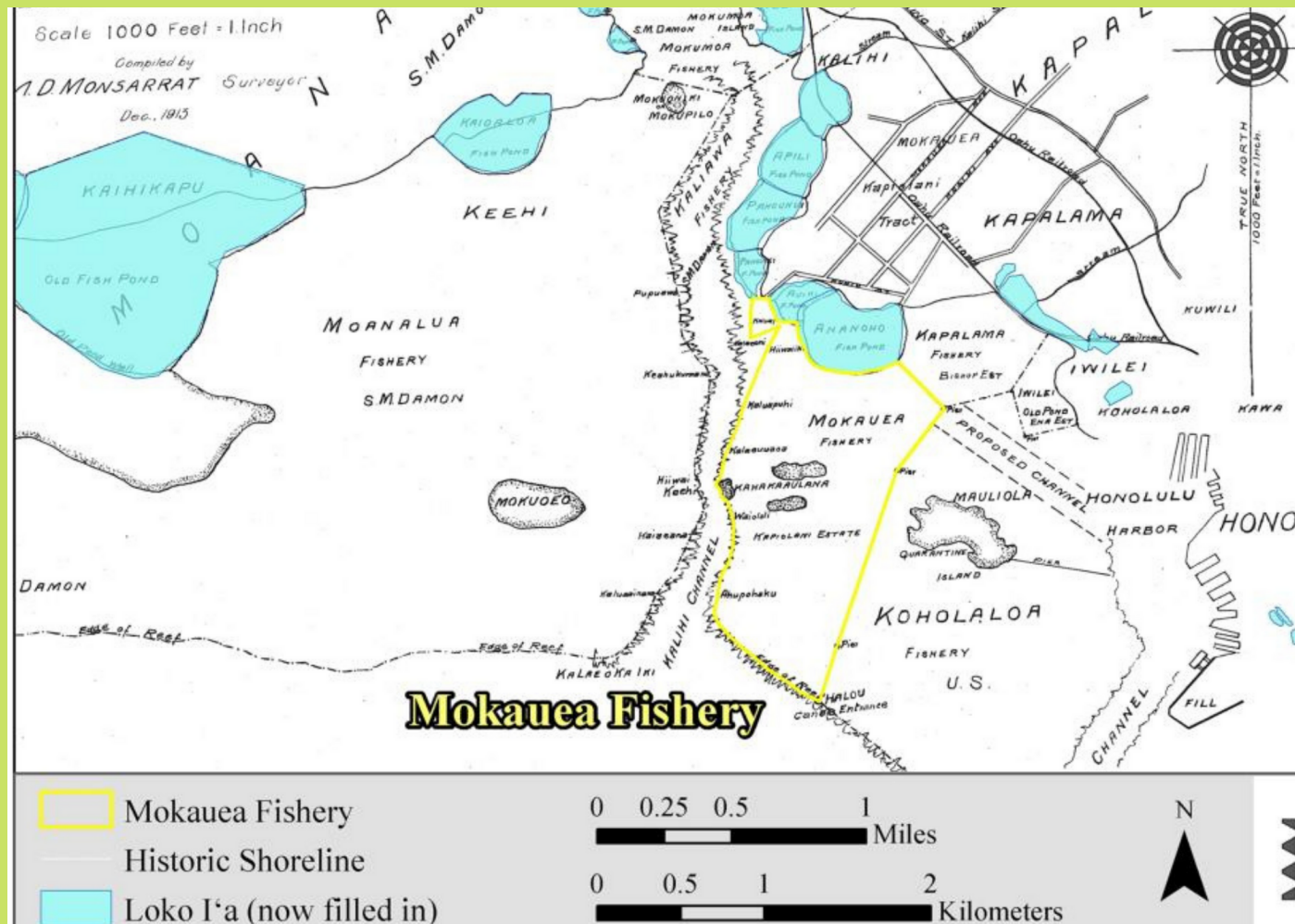


Figure 18. Mokauea Fishery Historical imagery RM2848 circa 1913 (Kona Wahi Hooola Inventory)